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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO US: DCA AND SUSPICIONS REGARDING CIA

1. WHILE TALKING WITH FROMER PRIMIN ECEVIT AT AIRPORT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR US (HE WILL SPEND A DAY IN ISTANBUL ENROUTE), TWO SUBJECTS OF INTEREST CAME UP. FIRST I ASKED HOW HE INTENDED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). I DID THIS BECAUSE THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HIS PARTY MAY OPPOSE THE AGREEMENT WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT, AND I INDICATED THAT, IF HE WAS TOO NEGATIVE IN HIS REMAKRS IN THE US, THIS COULD PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE CONGRESSIONAL ELEMENTS WHO WERE TRYING TO KILL OR SUBSTANTIALLY DELAY THE AGREEMENT. ECEVIT RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD WISH TO AVOID SAYING ANYTHING THAT WOULD DO THIS. WHAT HE EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE, HE ADDED, WAS THAT AS LONG AS US SUPPORT WAS UNCERTAIN, TURKEY MUST INCREASINGLY FIND WAYS TO RELY ON ITSELF FOR ITS SECURITY.

2. SECOND, I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD HEARD THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT CIA WAS PLAYING A ROLE IN THE INTERNAL DISPURES BETWEEN THE LEFT AND CENTER FORCES OF THE TURKISH LABOR MOVEMENT AND WAS HELPING TO FOMENT THE CURRENT CLASHES BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS. I GAVE HIM FLAT ASSURANCES THAT CIA WAS NOT REPEAT NOT INVOLVED AND NOT REPEAT NOT PLAYING ANY ROLE IN THIS PROBLEM WHATSOEVER. HE ASKED WHETHER I WAS SURE THAT I WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT. I SAID I HAD LOOKED INTO THE MATTER PERSONALLY AND WAS CERTAIN THE ASSURANCE I HAD GIVEN HIM WAS ABSOLUTELY  
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ACCURATE. HE THANKED ME AND SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT THIS

ASSURANCE. HE THEN ASKED ME IF I COULD GIVE HIM THE SAME ASSURANCE REGARDING POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE EXTREME RIGHT WING NATIONAL ACTION PARTY OF ALPASLAN TURKES AND THE CIA SAYING, "FRANKLY THIS IS ANOTHER AREA WHERE I HAVE SUSPECTED FOR SOME TIME A SIMILAR CONNECTION." I SAID THAT I HAD NOT ADE A SPECIFIC CHECK ON THIS PRIOR TO OUR CONVERSATION BUT THAT I WAS CERTAIN THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE AND THAT EVEN WITHOUT A SPECIFIC CHECK I WOULD HAVE KNOWN IF THERE WAS ANY BASIS FOR HIS SUSPICION. I ADDED THAT IF HE HAS ANY FURTHER SUSPICION IN THIS OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS HE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO RAISE THEM WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON. I SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WISH TO ASK FURTHER RE THE ALLEGED TURKES CONNECTION. HE SAID HE HAD WONDERED ABOUT THE PROPRIETY OF RAISING THIS SUBJECT WITH DR. KISSINGER. I SAID THAT IF HE WAS SUFFICIENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT HE SHOULD BY ALL MEANS DO SO.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO RPT NO CIA CONNECTION WITHIN THE TURKES PARTY. NOR HAS THERE EVER BEEN. I HAVE RECONFIRMED THIS SINCE THE ABOVE CONVERSATION. MACOMBER

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